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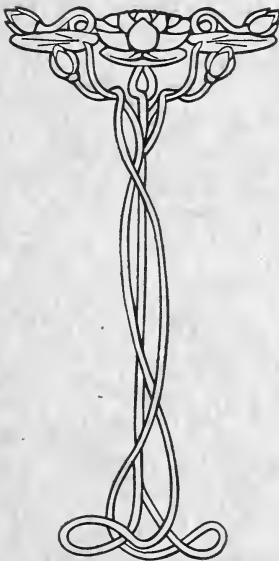
U. S. Department of Agriculture

Triplebrook Dahlia

Garden

Mrs. Jas. L. Kent
Pulaski, Va.

1929



A DOZEN DON'TS

1

Don't wait to prepare your ground
Until your tubers arrive,
And with coarse coal ashes for drainage
Your dahlias are apt to thrive.

2

Don't let your tubers dry out,
Or be exposed to the wind and sun,
Don't fail to drive all your stakes
Before the planting is done.

3

Your tubers plant three feet each way
In holes about five inches set;
Don't stand on end but horizontally lay
And don't give them a drink just yet.

4

In applying earth don't fill the hole,
Don't force sprouts 'til roots grow deep,
Don't water unless there's a drought;
If you mulch the dampness will keep.

5

Don't fail to cultivate often;
Pinch out when about five inches high.
So the blustering winds will not break,
To the stake each plant you must tie.

6

There are bugs crawling and flying,
So give poison to borer and cut worms;
Thrip, leaf hopper and mildew are trying;
Spray early and often to kill germs.

7

Don't fail all your plants to disbud
For this doubles the blossoms in size,
And makes such a gorgeous display
Of the dahlias we love so and prize.

8

In cutting the beautiful dahlias
To each give a very long stem;
Don't cut when the sun is still shining
For this is disastrous to them.

9

Place the tips of the stems in hot water,
To remain just a minute or two,
'Twill revive the withering blossoms
And the fresh ones will live longer too.

10

Now my last and don'tiest don't
Is—don't let your tubers freeze,
And they'll wake to the call of springtime
And their gorgeous beauty will please.

GREETINGS

I wish to thank my friends and customers for their liberal patronage, coöperation and many kindnesses to me after the loss, by freezing, of my 1927 stock. But for their kindness and encouragement I should not now be able to issue this little catalog—nor should I have enjoyed the splendid garden and many appreciative visitors, friends and garden clubs who have given me the incentive to keep on keeping on.

In submitting this list, with descriptions, I believe I am offering to you the best of the 250 varieties I grew last season.

I try to give an honest opinion of others' descriptions in combination with my own experiences in growing each variety. While the tubers planted in my garden last spring were all new, many of the varieties are old familiar favorites, while others are recent introductions and prize winners of various growers.

VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME

The best time to select Dahlias is when in bloom in the garden.

GUARANTEE

Every care is exercised in digging, storing and shipping that none should be mixed, and should reach you in good growing condition. If a mistake has been made I will gladly replace any tuber that does not sprout within three weeks after it has been properly planted, if the tuber and its tag is returned to me promptly.

CAUTION

Care, however, should be taken that the tubers are not allowed to dry out before planting. Should your ground not be prepared for immediate planting on receipt of tubers, keep them in the packing undisturbed, and in a moist, cool place until planted. The little eye, especially if sprouted, when exposed much to air and wind will shrivel or die.

ORDER EARLY

The stock of some varieties is limited, so to avoid disappointment send your order in early.

All orders will be filled strictly in rotation, reserving stock as orders are received, and shipped at proper planting time (after May 1st) or at any time requested.

I will give 10 per cent discount, in extra tubers, on all orders received before March 30.

TERMS: CASH WITH ORDER

The prices include packing and postage.

MY 1928 SEEDLINGS

I want to introduce a few of my beautiful collection of seedlings in compliment to visitors who admired and named them last season, but my stock is limited and I want to watch their development in my own garden.

These were all grown from seeds planted in March—no forcing, no fertilizer.

Nell Boyd is an exquisite big fluffily formed decorative with charmingly curled and twisted petals and high full center, perfectly poised on a slender straight stiff stem. The color is a rich rosy cream. It is certainly a profuse bloomer as the one vigorous bush had 42 blooms, and 25 blooms at one time, all perfect, and about 7 to 8 in. in diameter. **\$12.00**

Margaret Kent. Here is an exquisite yet huge bloom. Each bloom measured 10 inches in diameter. A deep decorative, but inclined to show the center. Soft fall colorings of buff and apricot; long graceful stem. **\$12.00**

Quaker Lady. Rather a descriptive name as the coloring of this huge bloom is a pastel blending of rose and old gold suffused or overlaid with pale silver gray, giving it a decided satiny sheen. Very full closed center, 8 inches in diameter, and facing up on straight stiff stems. It was named by Mrs. Osler. **\$12.00**

Dr. Kent is a huge artistic cactus about 9 inches; color, a pale gold. The bush was constantly covered with the huge blooms. A graceful long stem. **\$12.00**

Anne. A beautiful pure lavender or orchid, large size curled and twisted petals. Blooms stand upright, high above the beautiful foliage. A dahlia that everybody will love. **\$12.00**

There were a number of others as interesting and with as fine points as those mentioned above. These I will reserve for another season.

DAHLIA SEED

50 Seed.....\$2.00
25 Seed..... 1.00

Try a few dahlia seeds and have the thrill of new creations all your own to name.

In ordering the \$2.00 package you may enter your name in competition for the prizes offered for the best dahlias grown from Triplebrook Dahlia Seeds.

Prizes to be awarded at the Fall Flower Shows.

First prize—\$5.00 in tubers of my selection.

Second prize—\$2.50 in tubers of my selection.

Order seed in February. Plant first of March.

1929 PRICE LIST

- Alice Whittier—H. C.** (*Success* '24)
Huge blooms of sulphur yellow; vigorous plants, strong stem. \$3.00
- Alex Waldie—Dec.** (*Broomall* '21)
Pink and cream, huge fluffy bloom; like peaches and cream; vigorous growth, stem fair.50
- A. D. Lavoni—Ball** (*Vick* 1890)
A loveable little old-fashioned shell pink; profuse bloomer, stem perfect.15
- Ambassador—Cac.** (*Broomall* '20)
A prize winner cactus with a perfect stem; exquisite and enormous bloom of straw color tinted pink. . . . 1.00
- Amon Ra—The Sun God—Dec.** (*Seal* '19)
Still a prize winner because it's so royal looking; giant flower of copper and gold held high on perfect stem75
- Bashful Giant—D.** (*Marean*)
An exquisite blossom of gigantic size with coloring of apricot and gold; the weak stem makes it bashful.75
- Blue Peter—Eng. Cactus**
Here is a splendid cut flower of deep blue purple. Stem is stiff, but like all English cactus the neck tips the bloom down. The petals however fall far back on the stem making it easy for a graceful arrangement; profuse strong bloomer.50
- Bonnie Brae—Dec.** (*Broomall*)
Another exquisite, huge bloom of cream and blush-pink, but a bit too heavy for the stem. Profuse bloomer and good keeper.50
- Break of Day—H. C.** (*Maytrot*).
An immense, creamy white dahlia of irregular formation and soft waxy appearance; vigorous and free bloomer and fine stem.50
- California Enchantress—H. C.** (*B. Boston* 1916)
An enchanting extra large bloom, yet so dainty in its coloring of pale orchid pink; perfectly formed with fine stem.60
- Colossal Pink—Dec.** (*Peacock*)
Very large and very deep massive dahlia of clear pink and white; strong and vigorous growth and stem good too; fine keeper. 1.00
- Charm—Dec.** (*Marean*)
An attractive burnt orange shaded yellow; a large flower on strong long stems, profuse bloomer.75
- Charmistress—Dec.**
A dahlia with fluffy irregular petals of a warm apricot and tan suffusion; good size, nice stem.50
- Champagne—Dec.** (*B. Boston* '20)
A California beauty and always a prize winner. Possesses all the good habits of stem, color, keeping, etc., that a good standard ought to have and is immense in size, color champagne. 1.50
- Chemai's Masterpiece—Cactus** (*Chemai* '28)
A huge incurved cactus of orchid pink; beautifully formed blossom on long strong stems, vigorous growth and good keeper as a cut flower; seedling of Ide ver Warner 7.50
- Chemai's Purity—Dec.** (*Chemai* '28)
A perfect white decorative; immense full flower on long, strong, straight stems, vigorous tall grower and good keeper; seedling of Jersey's Beauty 7.50

- Charles Stratton—Dec.** (*Stratton '23*)
An exhibition dahlia of huge, gorgeous, outstanding quality; petals are of pale gold and old rose, curled and twisted in a charming way; vigorous and free bloomer on long stiff stems 2.00
- Claud Harland—Dec.**
A charming dahlia of lavender-pink with wavy petals; large size and will bloom in clusters if not disbudded too much; stems long and wiry 1.50
- Diana—Peony** (*Marean*)
Petals curled and twisted, making the very large brilliant scarlet flower wonderfully attractive. The long stiff dark crooked stems are fine for basket or vase arrangement; good keeper50
- David Kent—Dec.** (*Kent*)
Received the most votes for the most attractive dahlia in my garden last season. It is a striking color combination of orange scarlet on face of petals with clear yellow gold reverse; vigorous low growing bushes with the strikingly artistic blooms on perfect stems held high above the dark foliage. An unusually good keeper; large size, about 7 inches.
A basket of 36 blooms won the gold ribbon and prize, as the best exhibit in the entire flower show, as well as the blue ribbon and prize for the most artistic basket of flowers in that exhibit. 2.50
- Daddy Butler—H. C.** (*B. Boston '21*)
A large H. C. with perfectly rolled petals, two-toned face, American Beauty rose shade with a silvery carmen reverse, stems perfect, vigorous, good keepers, artistic75
- Edna Ferber—H. C.** (*F. and M. '27*)
A very popular recent introduction of undoubted merit, exhibition size; huge bloom of coral and gold poised magnificently on a perfect stem; petals curled and twisted in a most artistic way; healthy dark foliage and a free bloomer and good keeper ... 5.00
- Elsie Oliver—H. C.** (*B. Boston '19*)
A delicate pastel blend of pink and cream of immense size and perfect formation on fine stems; free bloomer75
- Elsie Daniels—H. C.** (*M. and S. '24*)
Though the bloom is immense the strong stem holds it well up above the foliage. The color of this big shaggy dahlia is pale orchid with white center 2.50
- Esther R. Holmes—H. C.** (*Grenburg '21*)
A soft lavender pink; good form, constant bloomer, good stem 1.00
- Ethel M.—H. C.** (*Jost '20*)
A glowing amaranth pink, light at the tips and a creamy center; very large and deep flower; a joy producer. 1.00
- Ellinor Vanderveer—Dec.** (*Seal '24*)
One of the outstanding dahlias from California; a lovely rose-pink on a long perfect stem. No more perfect dahlia grown 1.00
- Eldorado—Dec.** (*B. Boston*)
Another one of Bessie Boston's perfections; perfectly formed on splendid stem, this vivid gold colored dahlia is a winner in garden and the show . 1.25
- Eveque—Dec.**
Here is a real bargain; a huge showy dahlia of good width and great depth on splendid stem, a royal purple and a profuse bloomer 25

Evelyn Adamson—D. (<i>Broomall '21</i>)	
Lavender pink, shaded bronzy; finely formed and fairly good stem.....	1.00
Fannie B.—H. C.— (<i>Kent</i>)	
A real magenta in color; large size and dainty to arrange in vase or basket; fine stem, splendid keeper	1.50
Fairy Queen—Pompon	
Yellow edged carmen.....	.25
Faith Garibaldi—Dec. (<i>B. Boston '25</i>)	
This perfection of beauty was introduced by Bessie Boston in 1925. The giant blooms so wonderfully formed are of a violet rose color on splendid strong stems.....	2.50
Fascination—Pompon	
Pale yellow edged rose.....	.20
Futurity—Dec.	
Clear salmon rose, good size and a very profuse bloomer.....	.50
F. W. Fellons—Cactus (<i>Stredwick '13</i>)	
One of the best English cactus grown; very beautiful, very large and artistic, lovely orange color; delightful cut flower.....	.75
Grenadier—Dec. (<i>B. Boston</i>)	
A very unique flower of great size and depth of two-toned coloring, face of petals are a royal purple with a silver reverse. The stems are extra long and straight, holding the handsome huge blooms well poised high above the beautiful foliage.....	2.50
Gorgeous—Peo. (<i>B. Boston '18</i>)	
A big fluffy fellow of yellow and bright scarlet on fine stems.....	.75
George Walters—H. C. (<i>Carter '14</i>)	
A lovely old favorite, big and fluffy; soft colorings of salmon pink shading to soft gold at base of petals. Grow enough to have big baskets of them. Very prolific bloomer, graceful stems.....	.35
Giant Ruby—Dec. (<i>Grenburg '22</i>)	
Considered by many to be the best red; huge fluffy bloom of vivid scarlet held high on splendid straight stems; fine for exhibition.....	.75
Girlie—Pompon	
Salmon tipped cerise.....	.20
Glow—Pompon20
Glory of Sunrise Trail—H. C. (<i>Babylon '27</i>)	
Maize yellow, edged violet; a giant bloom of unusual beauty on splendid stems; seedling of Sunkiss.	5.00
Gladys Sherwood—H. C. (<i>Broomall '18</i>)	
A giant of perfect formation and purity of the white; long wavy petals on splendid stems, beautiful foliage.....	.75
Gold Medal—Show	
Here is the florist's delight; fine for decoration; regularly formed, almost ball shaped, of vivid coloring, golden yellow tipped scarlet, held up on perfect stems.....	.50
Greenburg's Oriental—Dec. (<i>Greenburg '26</i>)	
Splendid new variety, very early bloomer; color, a real crimson lake suffused vermillion; fine stems, free bloomer, splendid for exhibition.....	3.00
Hercules—Dec. (<i>Marean '20</i>)	
An enormous bloom with stout stems; a symphony of tangerine and deep yellow; fine for exhibition....	1.00

Hathor—Dec. (*Seal '27*)

This production of Mrs. Jessie Seal's is a wonder for coloring; best described as flame; brilliant, yet soft in its blending of orange, scarlet, and gold; exquisitely formed on excellent stems.....\$3.50

Imp—Cactus

An impish, almost black cactus dahlia of good form and size—just different..... .75

Insulinde—Hy. Dec. (*Kriest '14*)

An art dahlia; coloring safron yellow; formation of twisted petals and poised on top of a three foot stem which is stiff and straight; a Holland introduction..... .75

Jersey's Beauty—Dec. (*Wait '24*)

The perfect pink; the sensation dahlia of 1924 shows. Everybody wants a few of this lovely pink for cut flowers, exhibition and garden. It has perfect stem, coloring and is everthing that a dahlia ought to be..... .75

Jersey's Beacon—Dec. (*Wait '25*)

Another universal favorite, Chinese scarlet with a paler reverse; and exhibition flower of full fluffy formation, great depth, well poised on splendid stems high above insect-resisting foliage. My favorite red..... 1.25

Jersey's Sovereign—Dec.

Another of Wait's popular productions. This is salmon orange, good size, stiff erect stems, vigorous grower..... 1.00

Judge Alton B. Parker—Dec. (*Marean '18*)

Because I have a large number of this I am selling it at this bargain price. Color is a golden buff; large size on stiff stems..... .50

Judge Marean—Dec. (*Marean*)

The glowing color of this dahlia may be described as salmon, pink, red, iridescent orange, yellow and pure gold. Early and continuous bloomer on splendid stems; large size and a beauty..... .75

Kingfisher—Eng. Cac.

A large bloom composed of many narrow straight quilled petals; very full—free bloomer, color pink, good stem for the English Cactus..... 1.00

Katherine Donges—H. C. (*Peacock*)

My favorite yellow of any type or shade. Like a huge narrow petaled chrysanthemum; pale yellow, high full center and petals falling way back on stem; poised facing the sky on perfect stems 2 to 4 feet in length; wonderful keeper, exquisite for decorations and exhibition..... 3.00

Klein Domitea—Pompon

This dainty gold and terracotta profuse bloomer has been a favorite since 1876; about 2 inches in diameter..... .20

Keisfer—Pompon

Extremely long straight stems make this pompon fine for baskets; color, lavender and buff..... .20

Little Jewel—Miniature Dec. (*Jeweeltje*)

A recently introduced novelty. A jewel indeed, in its tiny perfection of peach pink; bloom 2 1-2 inches in diameter, blooming in clusters, for we do not disbud this any more than we do the pompons. Long stems make it exquisite for cut flowers and table decorations..... .50

La Grosse Bette—Dec. (*Marean '20*)

An immense bloom full and deep of cerise purplish red; fine healthy grower, free bloomer, on stiff stems, a favorite..... .75

Marcella Gill—Dec.

A splendid cut flower of clear bright pink, tinted lighter; flowers produced in profusion; stiff stems . . .30

Marmion—Dec. (*Mastic*)

This western production is one of the largest dahlias grown, color is pure gold with bronze suffusion; full high center and of great depth. The huge bloom is held high on long stiff stems. Great for exhibition and very beautiful; can easily be grown to 14 inches in diameter.4.00

Mae Grefe—Cac. (*Peacock*)

One of the largest pink cactus on stiff stems; vigorous grower and free bloomer; fine cut flower75

Mary C. Burns—(B. Boston '18)

A sensational dahlia of immense size; outer petals old gold, reverse a dull red; stems admirable.1.00

Mary Dorr—Cactus (*Peacock*)

A bright tyrian pink with white tips to the slender incurved petals; vigorous and free bloomer on fine slender stiff stems.75

Mariposa—H. C. (*B. Boston*)

A big, fluffy, free bloomer on good stems; a delightful shade of orchid pink with a deeper shade at center; always a favorite and beautiful.75

Margaret W. Wilson—Dec. (*F. and M. '26*)

A dahlia of great beauty and one of the largest of its coloring—an opalescent pink with a creamy white reverse; free bloomer on splendid stem; fine for exhibition.2.50

McGregor—H. C. (*Mastic*)

A seedling of the old favorite Geo. Walters; opal red with the base of petals yellow; free bloomer, long stem.75

Millionaire—Dec. (*Stillman '15*)

One of the loveliest of the old standard favorites; orchid pink or lavender with all the good qualities dahlias need; huge size, good for exhibition.60

Mother—H. D. (*Childs*)

A very unusual blossom—pale pink and mauve overlaid pastel gray giving it a soft, iridescent, artistic coloring; exquisitely formed and poised on stiff long stems.75

Mother—H. C. (*Peacock*)

This one is white with each petal faintly tipped lavender. It is an exquisitely formed incurved H. C.; very pure looking but proud on its perfect stem .75

Mrs. Edna Spencer—Cac.

One of the daintiest, loveliest dahlias grown, orchid pink on perfect stems; lovely cut flower.50

Mrs. Carl Salback—Dec. (*Salback '14*)

A charming dahlia of lavender pink. It has always been a favorite and will continue to be one of the best standards because of its wonderfully perfect stem as well as beauty of bloom.50

Mrs. Ide ver Warner—Dec. (*Marean '20*)

An old favorite of Eastern production; it has all the good points that dahlias need. The color is a bright rose pink; good for exhibition, garden and decoration.50

Mr. Crawley—(Broomall '21)

Here is a very exquisite decorative of a glowing salmon pink with base of petals yellow, giving an iridescent coloring. The formation of the bloom is exquisite, full and high, extra large and poised on top of a stiff stem, which is not extra long but the foliage is unusually brilliant and beautiful . . .75

- Myra Valentine—Dec.** (*Mills '09*)
Old rose and gold with a bronzy effect; a lovely flower with long stems and a generous bloomer. **.50**
- Oyster Bay Beauty—Dec.** (*Chamar '27*)
A very rich, dark velvety red or maroon; a huge flower on long stems; the healthy bush is constantly covered with rich blooms. **3.50**
- Pink Rosebud—Cac.** (*Peacock*)
For an artistic decoration here is a gem in a lovely pink cactus of small size that needs no disbudding; free bloomer, splendid stems. **.50**
- Patrick O'Mara—Dec.** (*Vincent '21*)
Universally admired because of its lovely pastel coloring of orange-buff, held high above a healthy bush on extra long stiff, straight stems, and perfectly poised; good size and wonderful for cut flowers. **.50**
- Pride of California—Dec.** (*Lohrman '15*)
Though old and plentiful, this exquisite brilliant red dahlia is always a favorite because of its lovely formation, poise, perfect stem and brilliancy. **.35**
- Radio—Dec.**
An enormous red and yellow flower which attracts attention from all parts of the garden with its size and brilliancy; well poised on fine stiff stems. **\$2.00**
- Rodman Wanamaker—Peo. Dec.** (*Peacock*)
This mammoth bloom not only has size, but exquisite coloring and formation, well poised on fine stem. It is a bright shade of salmon pink with golden bronze shadings; a prize winner when exhibited as the largest specimen. **3.00**
- Rosa Nell—Dec.** (*Broomall '20*)
This very large exhibition dahlia is held high on long slender stems to show off its exquisite beauty of form and color, bright Tyrian rose. **.50**
- Rookwood—Dec.** (*B. Boston*)
This lovely dahlia has the pink coloring of Mrs. Chas. Russell rose; beautifully formed bloom, fine stem; very profuse bloomer. **1.50**
- Samson—Dec.** (*Kirchner*)
A strikingly beautiful bloom of large size, beautifully formed, being very deep; on long stems which hold the handsome yellow and salmon bloom high. **.75**
- Shirley Eileen Shattuck—Dec.** (*Murphy*)
Among the recent introductions this is said to be the best lavender on long stiff stems; free bloomer and of huge size. **5.00**
- Siskiyou—H. C.** (*Broomall '22*)
This wonderful introduction is such a favorite it is hard to keep in stock. It always creates a sensation in garden and show. One of the largest blooms grown, and of the soft pastel colorings of pink tinged mauve. Also it is perfectly poised on erect strong stems; can be grown to 12 inches. **2.00**
- Sunset Glow—H. C.**
A very artistic bloom well poised on splendid stem; a blending of flame red and gold tipped yellow. **.75**
- Susan B. Coe—Peo. Dec.** (*Jost*)
Of soft pink with creamy center which has curled and crushed petals; very beautiful; long stems. **1.50**
- The Emperor—Dec.** (*Marean '22*)
A very distinguished looking dahlia of royal purple beautifully poised on the best of stems; huge proportions and attracting much attention with its imposing beauty and large size. **1.00**

Trentonian—Dec. (*Fisher and Mason*)

A giant dahlia of the bronze fall colorings; extra strong, erect standing on long stems and handsome bush..... .75

Tryphinne—H. D.

One of Bessie Boston's beauties; a pastel pink with yellow at base of petals; full center and beautifully formed and well poised on top of an extra stiff good stem; lovely foliage..... .50

Wizard of Oz—Dec. (*Doolittle*)

A wizard in size and coloring, which is a rare shade of amber and pink; faces up on stems as stiff as a cane; a beauty..... 2.50

W. E. Cooper—Dec. (*B. Boston*)

Here is a really true pink dahlia with no trace of lavender; very large, well formed flowers on stiff straight stems; dwarf bush growth..... 2.00

Yale Bowl—Show

A beautiful bloom for one who likes the perfect ball shape show. Huge for its type and stands erect on long stiff stems; fine for decoration and the bushes are always full of bloom..... .75

Zilesta—Dec.

Don't know much about this except that it was exquisitely beautiful in my garden last season. It is a big fluffy beautiful bloom of orange and rose. Splendid stems on vigorous growth. It tubered so bountifully I will sell a few..... 2.00

BARGAIN COLLECTIONS

For those who would like to leave the selection of varieties to me, or who would like to take advantage of bargain prices on some numbers of which I have a larger quantity of tubers or too small a quantity to catalog.

20 tubers, named and tagged.....\$10.00
10 tubers, named and tagged..... 5.00
5 tubers, more expensive varieties, named and tagged..... 5.00
10 tubers, tags lost 1.25

CACTUS COLLECTION

7 varieties of cactus type, all different, named and tagged.....\$ 5.00

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